

Surah 56 Surah Waaqi'ah

THE HAPPENING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH WAAQI'AH AND SURAH AR RAHMAAN

The concluding verse of *Surah Ar Rahmaan* mentions, **“Blessed is the name of your Rabb, the Possessor of majesty and benevolence.”** This verse denotes that even Allaah's name is most blessed. Allaah says in the final verse of *Surah Waaqi'ah*, **“So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb”** i.e. one should praise Allaah's name and express His purity from all partners.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

- * The beginning of the *Surah* classifies people into three groups, viz. (1) As'haabul Maymanah (those on the right), (2) As'haabul Mash'amah (those on the left) and (3) the Saabiqoon (those who have excelled far ahead).
- * The qualities of each group are then mentioned.
- * A brief mention of these groups is repeated towards the end.
- * The grandeur of the Qur'aan is emphasised.
- * Acceptance of the Qur'aan is encouraged.
- * Mushrikeen's disobedience is exposed.
- * The core assertion of the *Surah* is mentioned once midway between the *Surah* (verse 74) and once at the end (verse 96).
- * Four logical proofs of Allaah's power are also mentioned. These are found in:
 1. Verses 57 to 62
 2. Verses 63 to 67,
 3. Verses 68 to 70 and in
 4. Verses 71 to 73.

وَنُفِثَ إِلَىٰ الْقَاعِ كَيْتٌ وَهُيَ وَسْعَةٌ أَيْنُ نُلْتُ كَوْمًا
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate the Most Merciful.

إِذَا وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ۝١

1. When Qiyaamah will take place...

لَيْسَ لَوْفَعَتِهَا كَاذِبَةٌ ۝٢

2. ...there shall be none to deny its occurrence.

خَافِضَةٌ رَّافِعَةٌ ۝٣

3. It will lower (those Kuffaar who behaved haughtily in this world) and elevate (those humble and sincere Mu'mineen who were looked down upon in this world).

إِذَا رَجَّتِ الْأَرْضُ رَجًّا ۝٤

4. (Qiyaamah will be the day) When the earth shall convulse (shake uncontrollably) with violent earthquakes.

وَبُسَّتِ الْجِبَالُ بَسًّا ۝٥

5. And the mountains will be shattered (crumble) to pieces...

فَكَانَتْ هَبَاءً مُّنبَثًّا ۝٦

6....and become like scattered (flying) dust (floating about in the air).

وَلُتَمَّازَ وَاجًا ثَلَاثَةً ۝٧

7. You people will then be (sorted out) in three groups.

وَقَفَّيْنِ

فَأَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ ۝٨

8. So (the first group are) **the people of the right** (the sincere Mu'mineen); **how excellent are the people of the right!** (They are referred to as the "people of the right" because they will receive the record of their actions in their right hands, indicating their entry into Jannah.)

وَأَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ ۝٩

9. And (the second group are) **the people of the left; how wretched are the people of the left!** (They are referred to as the "people of the left" because they will receive the record of their actions in their left hands, indicating their entry into Jahannam.)

وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ ۝١٠

10. The foremost (in piety) **will be foremost** (in Jannah). (They are the third group, who comprise of Mu'mineen of the highest calibre, such as the Ambiyaa ﷺ and the Siddiqueen.)

أُولَئِكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ ۝١١

11. These (the foremost in piety) **are indeed those brought close** (nearest to Allaah).

فِي جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۝١٢

12. They will be (enjoying themselves) **in Jannaat of bliss** (delight).

ثُلَّةٌ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۝١٣

13. (Making up this group of the forerunners, there shall be) A large group from among the earlier ones (the people before Rasoolullah ﷺ)...

وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنَ الْآخِرِينَ ۝١٤

14....and a few from among the later ones (the people after Rasoolullah ﷺ). (The people before Rasoolullah ﷺ make up a large portion of this group because they were greater in number and because there were tens of thousands of Ambiyaa ﷺ among them while no Nabi will come after Rasoolullah ﷺ.)

عَلَى سُرُرٍ مَّوْضُونَةٍ ۝١٥

15. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) They will be (reclining) **on woven thrones** (thrones woven with thread of pure gold).

مُتَّكِئِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَقَابِلِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Reclining on these facing each other (so that they can easily converse with each other).

يُطَوَّفُ عَلَيْهِمْ ولَدَانِ مُخَلَّدُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Youngsters of eternal (immortal) youth shall wait on them (serve)...

بِأَكْوَابٍ وَأَبَارِيقَ وَكَأْسٍ مِنْ مَّعِينٍ ﴿١٨﴾

18....with goblets and jugs and glasses filled with flowing (pure) wine.

لَا يَصَدُّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُزْفُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Neither will they suffer headaches with it (because of this wine), nor will they be intoxicated (because it will be unlike the impure wine of this world).

وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. And (they will be served) a variety of fruits to choose from...

وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

21....and the meat of the birds they desire.

وَحُورٍ عِينٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. And (in addition to all of this, they shall have) fair large-eyed damsels (as their wives)...

كَامُثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ ﴿٢٣﴾

23....who are like preserved (protected) pearls (because of their beauty, complexion and purity).

جَزَاءً لِّمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. (They will receive all of this) As a reward for the deeds they carried out (in the world).

لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْثِيمًا ﴿٢٥﴾

25. They will not hear any (unpleasant) **noise there** (in Jannah) **nor any foolish** (idle and sinful) talk.

إِلَّا قِيلَ سَلَامًا سَلَامًا ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Instead they will hear the (pleasant) **call** (greeting) of **“Salaam”** (Peace), **“Salaam”** (Peace). (They will greet each other with the words of Salaam; will be greeted by the angels with these words; and Allaah will also greet them with these words.)

وَأَحَبُّ إِلَيْنَ مَا أَصَابَ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. The people of the right, how excellent are the people of the right!

فِي سِدْرٍ مَّخْضُودٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. They will be (enjoying themselves) **in** (gardens of) **thornless lotus flowers...**

وَطَلْحٍ مَّنْضُودٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

29....and other trees laden (with fruit)...

وَوَيْلٌ مَّمدُودٍ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. ...(They will be enjoying all these bounties) **In unlimited shade.** (The environment will be without harsh sunshine. Although they will have ample light, they will feel comfortable like a person who is shaded.)

وَمَاءٍ مَّسْكُوبٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. ...And (enjoying the refreshing) **flowing water...**

وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ﴿٣١﴾

32. ...And an abundance of fruit (of all types)...

لَا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

33....that will not come to an end (because another fruit will immediately grow in the place of a plucked one) **and will not be restricted** (they will have as much as they please)...

وَفُورٍ مَّرْفُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. ...And (they will be reclining on) **elevated thrones** (couches).

إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَهُنَّ إِنِّشَاءً ۝٣٤

35. Indeed We have created these damsels (whom the “people of the right” shall marry) **pure** (without any impurities in their bodies or their behaviour).

فَجَعَلْنَهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا ۝٣٥

36. And We have made them all (pure) **virgins**...

عُرُبًا أَتْرَابًا ۝٣٦

37.most beloved (every facet of their appearance and behaviour will be pleasing to their husbands) **and of equal** (the same) age...

لِأَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ۝٣٧

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38. ...for the people of the right.

ثَلَاثَةٌ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۝٣٨

39. (Making up the people of the right shall be) **A large group** (member) **from among the early ones** (the people before Rasoolullah ﷺ)...

وثلثة من الآخرين ۝٣٩

40. ...and a large group (number) **from among the later ones** (the people after Rasoolullah ﷺ).

وَأَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ ۝٤٠

41. And (as for) the people of the left, how wretched are the people of the left!

فِي سَمُومٍ وَحَمِيمٍ ۝٤١

42. They shall be (suffering) in a fierce scorching wind (hot vapour), **boiling** (burning) water...

وَزُلْظِلٍّ مِّنْ مَّجْمُومٍ ۝٤٢

43. ...and the shade of black smoke...

لَا بَارِدٌ وَلَا كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤٣﴾

44. ...that will neither be cool nor hospitable. (Rather, it will add to the heat and misery.)

أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتْرَفِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

45. Verily these people used to indulge in their wealth and luxuries before (in the world).

وَكَانُوا يُصِرُّونَ عَلَى الْحِنثِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. They used to persistently commit major sins (like Shirk, belying the Ambiyaa ﷺ and denying resurrection).

وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ إِذَا أَمْتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَأَنَّا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. They used to say, "After we die and have become sand and bones, will we then be resurrected (raised up)?"

أَوِ آبَاؤُنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. "Or our early forefathers?"

قُلْ إِنَّ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

49. Say, "Indeed the early ones and the latter ones..."

لَمَجْمُوعُونَ إِلَى مِيقَاتٍ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ ﴿٤٩﴾

50. "...shall certainly be gathered for an appointment of a known day (Whose the time Allaah has specified)."

ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ أَهْلُ الصَّالْتِ الْكَذِّبُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

51. "Then, O you who deviated (from the straight path) rejecters (of Imaan) ..."

لَا كُفْرَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زُقُومٍ ﴿٥١﴾

52. "...you shall surely eat from the Zaqqoom (cursed) tree (see verses 62-67 of Surah 37)."

فَمَأْكُوتٍ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونُ ﴿٥٢﴾

53. "And you shall fill your bellies with it (because of your intense hunger)."

فَشَرِبُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْحَمِيمِ ﴿٥٣﴾

54. "You shall (then) drink boiling water upon it (to try to force the scraps down)..."

فَشَرِبُونَ شُرْبَ الْهَيْمِ ﴿٥٤﴾

55. "...and you shall drink like thirsty camels."

هَذَا نُزْلُهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٥٥﴾

56. This is the hospitality they will receive on the Day of Reckoning.

لَكُنْ خَالِقَكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تَصَدَّقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

57. We have created you, so why do you (Kuffaar) not accept (Imaan)?

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَمْنُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

58. Tell me about the seed (sperm) that you issue forth? (Do you have control over its course and the process of conception?)

أَنْتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ لَكُنِ الْخَالِقُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. (After conception,) Do you create the child or are We the Creators?

لَكُنْ قَدَرْنَا بَيْنَكُمْ الْمَوْتَ وَمَا لَكُنْ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. We have decreed death among you and We are not helpless...

عَلَى أَنْ نُبَدِّلَ أَمْثَالَكُمْ وَنُنْشِئَكُمْ فِي مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. ...to replace you with others like you and make you into forms (beings) that you have no knowledge of.

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

62. You already have knowledge of the first (time Allaah created the whole of) creation, so why do you not take heed (and realise that it is simple for Allaah to create you again on the Day of Qiyaamah)?

أَفَرَأَيْتُم مَّا تَحَرُّثُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

63. Tell me about what you plant.

ءَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ حَسْبُ الزُّرْعُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

64. Do you make it (the seed) grow or are We the Ones who make it grow?

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَامًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكَّهُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

65. If We wish We could reduce it (your crops) to bits (by some disaster) and leave you astounded...

إِنَّا الْمَغْرُمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

66....(saying) "We are being taxed (burdened with debt and ruined)."

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

67. "Indeed, we are deprived (for we have lost everything)."

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

68. Tell me about the water you drink.

ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ حَسْبُ الْمُزْنُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

69. Do you cause it to rain from the clouds or is it We Who cause it to rain?

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ جَلًّا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

70. If We willed it, We could have made the water salty (depriving you of anything to quench your

thirst), so why are you not grateful?

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ النَّارَ الَّتِي تُؤْمُرُونَ^{٧١}

71. Tell me about the fire that you kindle.

ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْشَأْتُمْ شَجَرَتَهَا أَمْ كُنْ الْمُنْشُونَ^{٧٢}

72. Did you create the tree (to make the fire) or is it We Who created it?

نَحْنُ جَعَلْنَاهَا تَذْكِرَةً وَمَتَاعًا لِلْمُقْوِينَ^{٧٣}

73. We have made it as a reminder (of Our great power) and as a source of benefit to the travellers (who are then able to light fires as they journey).

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ^{٧٤}

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74. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb (to express your thanks for everything He has given you).

فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِمَوَاقِعِ النُّجُومِ^{٧٥}

75. I swear by the positions of the stars (where they rise and set) !

وَأَنَّهُ لَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ عَظِيمِ^{٧٦}

76. This is undoubtedly a great oath if you (only) knew (understand).

إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ^{٧٧}

77. Verily this (revelation to Rasulullaah ﷺ) is the honourable Qur'aan...

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ^{٧٨}

78. ... (which is recorded) in a preserved book (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh").

لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ^{٧٩}

79. Only the pure ones (the angels, who are pure from sin) may touch it (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh"). (The

Shayaateen and all evil forces have absolutely no access to it.)

تَنْزِيلٍ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

80. (This Qur'aan is) A revelation from the Rabb of the universe.

أَفِيْهِذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَنْتُمْ مُّدْهِنُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

81. Do you regard this (Qur'aan) as something trivial (something to be treated lightly)?

وَتَجْحَلُونَ بِرِفْقِكُمْ أَنْتُمْ تَكْذِبُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

82. Have you fixed as your shares (have you resolved) that you shall reject (the Qur'aan)?

فَإِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ ﴿٨٣﴾

83. So (if you feel powerful enough to oppose the message of your Creator) why do you not (intervene) when the soul reaches the throat (of a dying person)...

وَأَنْتُمْ جُنُودٌ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

84....and you (as family and friends) are all there watching (helplessly)?

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

85. We are even nearer to him than you but you fail to see (despite knowing at that moment that We are in control of all affairs, you still choose to exert your opinions over Ours and reject what We say).

فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ كُنْتُمْ عَيْرًا مَّدْيُنِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾

86. If you are exempt from being resurrected (as you claim), why do you not...

تَرْجِعُوْنَهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

87. ...return the soul (of a dead person to his body) if you are truthful (in your claim that things will happen as you wish and not as the Ambiyaa ﷺ inform you)?

فَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾

88. Therefore, (after leaving this world) if someone it from among those brought close (to Allaah)...

فَرَوْحٌ وَرَيْحَانٌ وَجَنَّتُ نَعِيمٌ ﴿٨٩﴾

89. ...he shall have comfort (rest), sustenance (provisions) and the Jannaat of bliss (delight).

وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٩٠﴾

90. If he was from among the people of the right...

فَسَلَامٌ لَكَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٩١﴾

91.(he will be told), "Peace be on you. You are from the people of the right (and have nothing to fear)."

وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٩٢﴾

92. However, if he was among the rejecters (disbelievers) and deviated (astray) ones...

فَنُزِّلُ مِنْ حَمِيمٍ ﴿٩٣﴾

93....he will be served boiling water...

وَنُصْلِيَةُ جَحِيمٍ ﴿٩٤﴾

94. ...and shall enter (be cast into) the blazing fire.

إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ حَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٩٥﴾

95. This is most definitely the irrefutable (undeniable) truth.

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٩٦﴾

96. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb (and do your best to secure salvation in the Aakhirah).

سُبْحَانَكَ